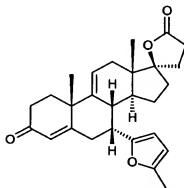


CRYSTAL FORMABSTRACT

The present invention involves a novel crystal form of 17 β -hydroxy-7 α -(5'-methyl-2'-furyl)-pregna-4,9(11)-dien-3-one-21-carboxylic acid, γ -lactone, having the formula



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which is an intermediate useful in preparation of an important pharmaceutical, eplerenone.